

December 27, 1955

Dear Ed:

We have your letter of the 22d, and of course want to give some more thought to the questions you raise concerning the timing of our visit. I realize that more is involved than the mere time you may be away, that you will be inordinately busy in the intervals catching up. Dr. Sabin had warned me of the possibility of the Polio meeting, but I just don't know yet whether I will be able to go or not, even if we are still in Madison: I had already accepted an invitation to attend a TB chemotherapy meeting at St. Louis (as a casual observer), having thought this might coincide with our driving through there early in February.

Our lab is coming along, how fast is hard to say. It is still possible that the remodelling will be completed by February 1, though this may be optimistic.

While we are thinking about this, may I ask you a question. Have you thought at all of spending a summer at Pacific Grove? Would this be something you and your family care to do? This may be just a pipe-dream, but this occurred to me as a possible arrangement for our research visit and/or a small course. Esther tells me that a mesophil like myself will find Palo Alto hardly less tolerable than Madison in the summer-time. On the other hand, I wouldn't know if June and the kids would have to be dragged to or way from PG. It's just an idea, but let me know if there's any sense to it or not.

Do you really think the summer will be open? — if nothing else there are those meetings at McCollum-Pratt, and at CSH, and I don't know what else. Wisconsin may likely have a symposium on latent virus infection which I've tacitly promised to attend (but could worm out of). This will be in early September.

I've had no formal word on research leave— evidently it is still being discussed whether WARF or the regular college budget will pay for it, but I am told surely one or the other.

Just in case, when you answer would you also give me a rundown on your available microscopic equipment (and phase accessories).

If we do still come in the spring, much will depend on your other business. If being away so much means you will also be tied up all the rest of the time too, as it may well, then we'll just have to postpone, so let us know about this.

Sincerely,